



# FLYING SAUCER NEWS

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FLARE UP  
**M**UCH has happened since the Autumn "NEWS" was published.

Since the Great Radar and Balloony Episode, there have been scores of individual sightings, too numerous to evaluate properly at this time. Some of the more outstanding ones are listed within.

The Saucers have been, in the main, of the "Fireball" - or Expensible type. And a large number were probably Menzelforms - but several were much less explainable.

The mystery surrounding the closing-down of IFSB has still not been solved, and the few hints that have come through have only served to deepen it.

Not only Flying Saucers have been causing speculation - and amusement - however. Many other occurrences have come to light in this rather weird period.

The Loch Ness Monster has raised its dubious head again, an expedition has gone in search of the Abominable Snowman, some strange sub-human creatures have appeared in Malaya, someone has made a monkey out of the Pilt-down Man - or else the Pilt-down Man has made monkeys out of a lot of homo saps ... a "Bridge"

has been seen on the Moon, and the Portsmouth Road Poltergeist has at last been 'laid' - and found to be a Hush-hush Ultrasonics research station working on soundwaves capable of punching holes in sheet metal - let alone car windscreens!

### NO SAUCER TALK

The latest, and perhaps most significant item of saucer news however, is that R.A.F. personnel have been warned not to discuss "aerial phenomena" with the public, as - it is stated - this is "restricted information".

It may be that, in these days of guided missiles and secret new aircraft, we Saucerers are perhaps "overlapping" with our investigations, into the regions of Top Secret projects.

This does not mean that the real FS - UFO's or what-have-you are weapons, but that it is just possible that some weapons could be confused with the Saucers!

It could be, in fact, that "Treading on Someone's Toes" was the reason for the American close-down, and general tightening up on Saucer news releases over there.

WE WELCOME

**B.F.S.B.**

Their Newsletter - page 14-17.



# POSTAL Saucerers

The following members would like to correspond with others, on Saucers and kindred subjects:-

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## OURANOS

The English part of OURANOS has now ceased, and will be merged with FLYING SAUCER NEWS. This will avoid duplication of effort and will enable OURANOS, now wholly in French to offer better value to its readers, despite fewer pages.

We take this opportunity of welcoming those former subscribers to OURANOS, who do not read French, and hope that with this issue, they will decide to support FLYING SAUCER NEWS in the same way as they have OURANOS.

We sincerely hope that Mr Eric Biddle, of OURANOS, is NOT going to "fade from the picture" as he so modestly puts it, in the current number of that journal, but that he will be a regular contributor to the NEWS. We feature in this issue his report of the Saucerers' meeting in London, and Mr Biddle has also supplied material for use in future editions.

# The **BALLOON** goes up!

The unprecedented number of Saucer sightings during November and December, and the general "saucer scare" was touched off when, on November 10th. it was announced that two officers flying a "Vampire" jet over Kent had seen - the previous week - a circular object, emitting or reflecting a fierce light, which passed over their own craft at "tremendous speed", maintaining level flight. They themselves were flying at 20,000ft. Expecting to be ridiculed on reporting the object, they were surprised to find their station commander took it very seriously and sent in a report to Fighter Command. They were later sent for by Fighter Command and questioned at length.

Then, on November 19th. the National Press really went to town. Headlines screamed: "Mystery Spot on London Radar Screen", "Mystery at 60,000ft", "Flying Saucer Sensation", "Radar Men Spot 'white sphere'", "Sergeant said: 'Look, a Flying Saucer!'" - et cetera, et cetera.

All this referred to a release by the War Office, saying that on November 3rd (the date of the Kent sighting) a strange object had been tracked by an Army radar unit in South East London.

Whatever it was had given an echo equal to the size of a very large bomber, and was at 61,000ft. (11 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles). As it remained stationary, the Radar men were able to view it through a radar-sighting telescope, when it appeared as a white coloured spherical or circular shape.

Then three more Radar trackings were released by the War Office - all in daylight between Sept. 14th and 22nd. One "object" had been at 70,000ft., one at 50,000ft., and a third at 60,000ft.

## SAUCY M.P.'s

Someone thought it was about time a question was put in Parliament and so the M.P.'s asked about various incidents - including the Norwich sighting (see Autumn "FS NEWS").

As might have been expected, it was all passed off in a very perfunctory manner. The War Department, it seemed, did not maintain a particularly thorough liaison with the Air Ministry Met. Office, who stated that a radar-sonde ballon had been launched which coincided with each of the trackings.

One M.P. said that in view of this, Saucers were "all balloony" - a phrase which immediately captured the headlines!

## NOT SATISFIED....

The Army radar men, however, thought differently. They prepared to make their own test - that of sending up a weather balloon themselves, to see if the results compared. As the operator who had seen the object in the telescope remarked: "I could never have seen a 12ft balloon at 12 miles high".

But, for some reason, they must have decided not to make that test. At any rate, we never heard any more about it, and the Saucers might have vanished from the news as swiftly as they had entered - but for the fact that they were by this time being seen all over the British Isles!



# October

22nd. BRIDLINGTON: 3.30pm. Three silvery, elliptical objects which "looked like parachutes", seen hovering over the sea. Two moved North and the remaining one hovered for three minutes before following, at speed. 7 Witnesses. ("Yorks.Observer").

# November

- 1st. STOCKPORT: 7.15pm. Silvery glowing object, with "two globes and a tail" - in sight 10 secs.  
WAKEFIELD: 6.15pm. Saucer-shaped, very bright, with tail and faster than jet-plane. No noise. Moving towards Bradford - in sight 5 or 6 secs., on straight course." ("Yorks.Observer").
- 4th. DEREHAM, (Norfolk): Afternoon. "Globular object, encircled by a disc, moving slowly across the sky westwards". In sight for three minutes. ("Eastern Evening News" - 5/11/53).
- 12th. WIGAN: Afternoon. "Perfectly circular object, shiny 'like a sixpence' - seen by 20 Schoolboys. Hovered for a minute, in patch of blue sky, then sped behind a cloud. Bright in centre but with darker edges. "Three blobs on its undersurface" and "seemed to be spinning round at a great rate". ("Northern Daily Telegraph" -12/11/53).
- 14th. WELLWYN, (Herts): 12.25am. "Large object, shaped like humming top. Much brighter than any star" - suddenly became brighter with lights encircling the darker mass. Seen - through binoculars - to hover very steadily for over 5 min. Then it moved upwards "at great speed". ("Sunday Empire News" 22/11/53)
- 16th. PRESTWICH (Lancs): No time given. "Red object, like spent Catherine wheel" moving slowly through sky. ("Chronicle" 20/11/53).
- 17th. MIRFIELD (Yorks): Morning. Shiny metallic object - "like a diamond in the sky" - travelled very fast, but not a jet. ("Yorks. Evening Post" 24/11/53).  
BLACKBURN (Lancs): 11.0-11.10pm. "Small disc - like small silvery tea plate." Hung in sky in direction of Preston, then vanished. 2 witnesses. Later another witness from Church - (Lancs). ("Northern Daily Telegraph" 18 & 19/11/53).
- 19th. BURTONWOOD (Lancs): Shiny silver object, watched for 2 hours by 30 American servicemen. Estimated at 30,000ft. Remained immobile, disappearing only when obscured by cloud. Apparent size of sixpence. (No time given).  
CONGLETON (Ches): 3.30pm. Object "Like very bright star" remained motionless for 5 or 10 mins., then disappeared, through clouds, over Cheshire area. ("M/c Evening Chronicle" 24/11/53).
- 24th. LOUTH (Lincs): 7.30pm. "Large ball of fire that appeared to have a definite shape... streaks of flame breaking away from it..... travelling very fast, in direction of Manby. Far too large to be shooting star". Similar object reported from N.Lincoln. ("Grimsby Evening Telegraph" - 1/12/53).



30th. NEWARK (lines): 6.15pm. "Glowing object" leaving trail of light in its wake. No noise. Silver colour but outline ill-defined. Moving E-W very fast. Several witnesses.

("Northern Daily Echo" - 1/12/53).

GRIMSBY: 7.20pm. "Bright emerald green, shaped like a humming-top" - hurtling across the sky at terrific speed. Seen by former RAF Ground Observer "over Bradley, at about 20,000ft., travelling Southeast, with trail of sparks". Also seen by several housewives.

("Grimsby Evening Telegraph" 1/12/53)

## December

1st. MANCHESTER: 6.10pm. "Round, flaming object" moving at "fantastic speed on level SE/NW course, with slight tail. Several witnesses.

("Manchester Evening Chronicle" - 4/12/53).

SOUTHEND: 6.10pm. "Circular, bright blue object, shedding sparks moving N-S "comparitively slowly". Also seen from Cambridge and Godalming - the latter by a ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS member - Mr.B. Edwards.

DOVER: 7.20pm. "What appeared to be a large rocket, emitting sparks" and travelling "at great speed" northwards. No sound. In sight about 10 secs.

KENILWORTH: 7.25pm. "Shooting star or rocket, careering across sky S-N "at great speed". The front part of it split as it went.

("News Chronicle" - 5/12/53).

LEICESTER: 6.05pm. "Bright saucer-shaped object, propelling itself across the sky". No sound. In view full minute.

LEICESTER: 7.20pm. "Disc-shaped object, moving on an even keel W-E at about 3000ft. Incandescent glow, with blue tint. In sight 20 secs. Number of witnesses. ("Evening Mail" 3/12/53).

SOUTHEND: 7.30pm. "Brilliantly blue and red and bluey-white, with large circular end. Like a large rocket, showering sparks" Seen by four (one paper made it five) men in Southend Municipal Airport Control-tower. (Numerous papers).

BILDWORTH (Notts): 6.15pm. "Small silver ball in sky - very, very bright, leaving stream of light in its wake" - passed overhead without sound. ("Northern Guardian Journal" - 2/12/53 ).

2nd. BIRMINGHAM: 1.35pm. "Streaks of flame speeding through the sky" - seen by "hundreds of people in the Midlands" - estimated at 3,000ft. Broke into small pieces and burned out. Piece of charred metal seemed to fall near Sutton Coldfield, but nothing was found. No explosion, but made a "chugging sound" like old style aero-engine. Prof. Herbert Dingle, president of the Royal Astronomical Society, commented: "I cannot explain them away scientifically. They must be man-made and part of some experiments on earth".



# Special PICTURE PAGE

1 This item appeared in the "Brighton Evening Argus" on December 4th 1953, following much heated correspondence on the reality or otherwise, of flying saucers. A letter to the sender resulted in this reply: "I regret to say that you have fallen for a little prank...." The contributor - a woman amateur-astronomer - went on to reveal how she took the 'photograph' which was a series of exposures of the nearly full moon, taken at 15min intervals. She then lectured us in very condescendingly Schoolma'mish tones as to the likelihood of many FS photos having been produced in this fashion. First Archeologists - and now amateur astronomers! Hoaxes are the vogue nowadays!!!

2 Photo from the "Bridgeport Sunday Herald" (Connecticut) headed an article on the closing-down of IFSB. Not much more was added to what is known, apart from the fact that Bender was visited by "Three men in dark suits" - who 'flashed credentials'!.... Hardly Venusian Passports, anyway, we suspect....

3 This is the ex-RAF flyer, who saw the "symmetrical metal object" which whirled by at tremendous pseed below the DC-3 he was flying at about 6,500ft over Haessleholm, Southern Sweden. This is reported more fully by our Norwegian Representative on page 27.

4 Here is the photo referred to in page 11 of the Autumn NEWS - number "4" being the original print, showing the 'Saucer' whizzing over the South downs (!) - and number "5" was how it was 'dramatised' in the "Brighton & Hove Herald" -(by overprinting) - who published it together with our report that it was, after all, only only a fault in the negative. Readers of that paper may, however have gathered the impression that it was the "Herald" who had discovered this fact, and not ourselves!!

5 Such is fame! This is a panel from the "RUFUS" cartoon, by "Trog" in the DAILY MAIL. "Flook" - that weird, wonderful and rather charming creature of the comic strip - decided to turn into a FS- thereby causing no small sensation. We cannot help feeling that this illustration may have been partly inspired by a photo appearing earlier, in WEEKEND MAIL, of your secretary performing similar antics with a pair of binoculars.....

7 Now to the Mystery Picture. We have the negative, which shows, as does the print, that an object of some description, luminous in appearance, has indeed moved across the picture, circled and then remained stationary for some time. (The crescent shape is, in fact, the crescent moon). The photo was taken by an anonymous gentleman (we have his name and address) of Upper Gornal, Staffs., who says he and his brother watched the object moving about, and took the photo. (The lines are 'phone wires. We would stress that, though the neg. is untouched, we've had to do some "art-work" on the print for reproduction purposes. Otherwise you wouldn't've seen it at all here.



# PICTURE PAGE

SOME months ago, before there was such widespread interest locally in sky phenomena and celestial crockery, I observed these strange illuminations hovering over the sea south-east of Steyning, and was lucky in getting a photograph.

They remained stationary for about 50-60 seconds before making off at speed, apparently blown by a sudden gust of wind.

At the time I imagined them to be some sort of flare—but now I wonder . . . M.D.S., Steyning.

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## Saucerers Here Ordered to Quit



### No More

Albert K. Bender, 784 Broad St., president of International Flying Saucer Bureau, has been warned to stop publishing saucer information by what he calls a "high authority."

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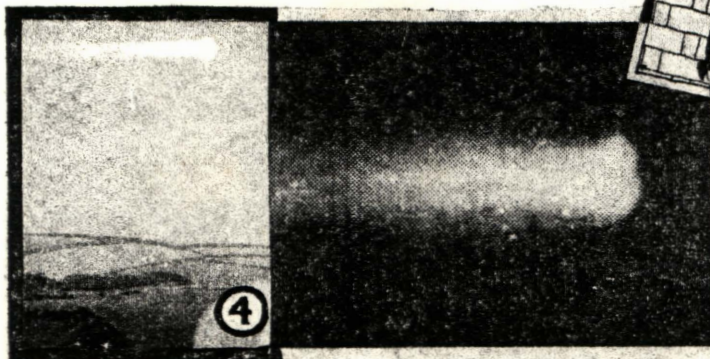


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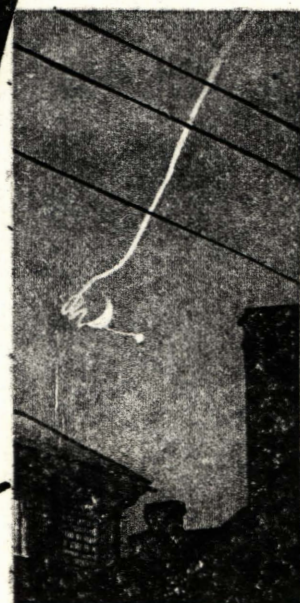
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## Lunar "Bridge"

"RADIO NEWSREEL" shocked and surprised many listeners, by featuring an interview, on December 21st 1953, with Dr.H.P.Wilkins, director of the lunar group of the British Astronomical Association. A large number of dome-shaped structures had been observed on the Mare Crisium area of the moon, the smallest of which must have been some two miles in diameter, in order to have been seen at all, being a white or very light colour.

Further, in a nearby mountain range, a "bridge" was now visible, some two miles in length and 5,000ft above plain-level.

Through his telescope, he said, it "looked like an engineering job", but it was not artificial.

"It is absolutely regular in outline. It casts a shadow in a low sun, and you can see the sunlight streaming in beneath it. It is the most extraordinary feature on the moon today".

Later, a note appeared in the press, in which Dr.Wilkins complained that he considered the BBC had 'cut' his recording in such a way as to make it appear that he thought the bridge was artificial, whereas he had stressed that it was "an absolutely natural thing".

We have been in touch with Mr.Richard Baum, of the Department of Astronomy, Chester Society of Natural Science, who has supplied some very interesting details of this and of other Lunar oddities, which we shall be featuring in forthcoming issues, as a series.

### "SAUCY REDS"

The Soviet Forces newspaper "Red Star" (Dec 27) described the reports of Flying Saucers as tales aimed at intensifying the war psychosis, in the West.

It noted that "the mythical 'flying saucers' appeared in Bourgeois newspapers whenever ruling circles were preparing on Washington's instructions to impose on their people a new burden of war expenditure.....

(Reported by the TASS News Agency).

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### THOSE PREDICTIONS....

The Great Date was said to be written in the Pyramids as August 20th., 1953, but -as we mentioned last issue - only the Kinsey report came to stir the Summer air.

However, the Institute of Pyramidology state they have now discovered that this was a secondary date only, and that an earlier date, thought to be wrong at the time, is correct.

MARCH 16th and JUNE 16th. are the Primary Dates, and the Scratch Line date has now been determined accurately by astronomers.

If something doesn't happen THIS time - well, maybe we'll not quote any more predictions in future....



# Saucers ON THE AIR

On December 9th the North Home Service of the BBC featured a fifty-minute programme on Flying Saucers. The main note of this seemed to us to be slanted in the direction of - "You didn't see what you thought you saw - I didn't see it, but I'm sure it wasn't what you imagine!"

The "show" opened with a series of "flashes" (more suited to TV than this kind of programme, we suggest) - from different speakers, declaring that they had seen weird objects. Most of them seemed almost to have been chosen for their notable lack of lucidity, and general inability to put into words what they had witnessed - and contrasted with the eloquent tones of the various Menzellan "authorities" who decided what they had actually seen!

At one point it was stated unequivocally that the Royal Observer Corps had never sighted or reported such Unidentified Flying Objects.

This statement seems to be at variance with the facts.

We have Official confirmation that the Royal Observer Corps has indeed sighted and reported UFO's - quite apart from the fact that we published in our Summer edition letters which appeared in the Press, from two separate pairs of ROC men who had observed - through telescopes - an object which they described as being "like a plastic lighter fuel container".....

Now, we know that the information for this programme was gathered together in extreme haste - and all credit to the BBC for covering the facts as well as it did in the circumstances - but we cannot help wondering, in view of this erroneous statement, just how reliable other information broadcast was, also....

However, the general picture was well presented, on the whole, and the show even featured a couple of sentences by your Secretary, who - it must be admitted - expected to hear a little more of the two discs he recorded! (Cuts no doubt due to above mentioned 'lack of lucidity!'). The most fantastically amusing part of the whole review was, to our mind, the instance where an American airman who was being interviewed, admitted to having seen a Saucer - complete with dome - from the air - but who still affirmed that he thought the whole business was "Malarkey"!

Desmond Leslie beautifully 'squashed' the Astronomer Royal's pontifications (see "Sticking His Neck Out" - page 25) by suggesting that in order to KNOW that life was impossible on other planets, Sir Harold must have 'packed his suitcase and trotted round the Solar System'! His final note - and, in all fairness, that of the programme - was: "WAIT AND SEE".



# .....and on TEE-YEE

The following night, Arthur Clarke, Chairman of the British Interplanetary Society and author of numerous Astronautical and Science Fiction books and stories, did his best to debunk the Saucers.

And, frankly, we thought he made quite a good job of it. Many of the uninitiated there must be who, after viewing the performance, are now snugly back in their grooves, assured that there "Ain't no sich animals" as Saucers. But Saucer Club members thought otherwise! Our mail fairly seethed with vitriolic comment, and we wonder if that of the B.I.S. did, too, since we number quite a few BIS members amongst us!

The point was, of course, that Clarke "explained" the things which could be explained - but ignored those he knew he could not.

With the aid of a number of illustrations in true Menzellan fashion, he trod the weary way through "Ice Crystals, Cosmic Ray Balloons, Cobwebs, Reflections of Streetlamps," et cetera, et cetera.

Taking Adamski to task, he had, it seemed, paid a visit to the author's Observatory, looked around, but not deigned to have a talk with the man himself. To travel all the way out there and not do so seems a little odd, to say the least.

Then, with regard to the speed of Saucers, we were treated to the sound of a Sonic Boom produced by a V.2 rocket, moving at 2,000 miles an hour. Clarke said: "The sonic bangs produced by our aircraft and missiles would be the feeblest of 'pops' compared with the sheer concussions which bodies of Saucer size and speed would produce, as they moved through the atmosphere. And it doesn't matter in the least what their method of propulsion is; they must make a noise."

Must they? We shall see. But then, some of them have made noises, varying from sizzles to hums, whines and clatters - noises not generally attributable to optical phenomena, we suspect.

In concluding, A.C.C. remarked that he considered that space-ships from other worlds might very easily visit us one day in the future, but: "...the last thing I should expect to step out would be another human being..... how disappointing it would be if it turned out that all the other worlds that were inhabited were peopled with humans like ourselves..."

Surely, however - somewhere - there must be races reasonably similar to ours? And surely then, members of those races would be the most likely to be chosen as emissaries, so as not to shock or disgust our narrow, earthbound minds into destroying them at sight?

Perhaps the best summing up comes from one of our members, who writes: "I was astounded at the distortion of evidence. One begins to wonder what is behind the Flying Saucers when men of Clarke's reputation appear to be determined to decry them at all costs".

Professional jealousy, perhaps!



# Project MAGNET

CANADIAN scientists are preparing the World's First "Flying Saucer Sighting Station" at Shirley's Bay, ten miles from Ottawa. The project is being backed by the Canadian Government's Department of Transport, in co-operation with the Defence Research Board, and is nearing completion. It is known as "Project Magnet".

Those manning the station are directed by the Dept. of Transport to "do what you can to prove or disprove the existence of Flying Saucers". Mr. Wilbert Smith, a D of T engineer, is responsible for installing the electronic equipment - several pieces of which are secret - and the station will work all round the clock.

The new Station is regarded as proof that Canada's leading Scientists are taking the matter seriously enough to provide new equipment and personnel for this purpose.

Rumour has it that the equipment includes instruments for measuring changes in MASS and GRAVITY. However, one of our members tells us that a scientist friend of his has stated that the idea of such instruments is "all bunk" - so we don't know quite what to believe - which, of course, is far from unusual....

The Transport Department's telecommunication expert believes that there is a 60% probability of the Saucers being alien vehicles from outer space.

Every eighteen months the earth and Mars reach their closest proximity, and this will again occur next Summer, when the Project is expected to be in full operation.

It has been noticed that the flying saucer reports reach a maximum coinciding with this period of proximity.....

(The above is - in the main, taken from 'Reuter' reports).

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We hope to feature in a future edition, some very interesting articles on the existence of "MAGNETIC FAULTS", or vortices, which exist in several parts of the world - notably certain areas of America - where gravity behaves in very, very odd ways.....

## PRESS CUTTINGS.

Once again, we wish to thank all those who have so kindly sent in cuttings of Saucer-interest from their local papers.

We cannot always thank the senders individually, though we do whenever possible. All are very much appreciated.

It is MOST IMPORTANT for us to know the DATE and NAME of the paper from which the items are taken. A simple way of ensuring this is to cut the date and name strip from the top of a page of the paper, and affix it to the cutting. Again - Many Thanks to you all.

Keep up the good work!

## "How To Identify....."

(From Gray Barker's "SAUCERIAN" No.3 (U.S.A.) -  
we just HAD to pas this one on!)

"We may be accused of stealing this information from the Air Force - a point which we hereby deny at the outset. It should be obvious that there is no connection between this information and the Official Air Force releases.....

"OBSOLETE NAVY PANCAKE STYLE AIRCRAFT: Easily identified, since this usually travels around 25,000 miles an hour and does impossible maneuvers.

"HALLUCINATION: Changes suddenly from silver to bright red, then to a dazzling blue. When seen on the ground, makes an odd humming sound. Earth is scortched for weeks after it takes off.

"MIRAGE: Usually explodes with terrific noise, breaking store windows.

"PLANET VENUS: One of the phenomena most generally misinterpreted as rocket ships or flying saucers. When jet planes chase it, that is the end of the flying.

"JET AIRPLANE: Quite obvious, no explanation needed.

"COBWEB: Shows up as rapidly moving disk on radar. When intercepted, the Cobweb usually takes a dive at the jet plane and scares the pilot almost out of his wits. It usually changes course suddenly just before the collision. Sometimes it doesn't.

"DETERGENT BUBBLE: Often drops strips of stuff variously described as tin foil, paper or what have you. The stuff usually disintegrates before being examined carefully. Often these Detergent Bubbles have dropped large chunks of rocks or other trivia.

"SKYHOOK BALLOON: This is anywhere between 300 to 500ft wide and travels at fantastic speeds. Always denied by scientists, who say that no skyhook balloons have been sent up, when it is obvious to the observer that is what he has seen.

"LIGHT INVERSION: Caused by cold air and hot air. Distinguished by being absolutely solid when run into by an airplane. Not much is known about Light Inversions because the plane occupants they encounter are usually disintegrated before they can consult Menzel's book for guidance".

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# Saucers and SCIENCE FICTION

Not all Science-fiction fans are avid Saucer believers - despite what the critics aver - as this letter from Harry Turner shows:

"....I fancy most of it can be written off as hysteria, hallucination and misinterpretation of phenomena. As a Fan, I find the idea of visiting e-t's attractive, but that doesn't mean I have to listen to the twaddle of people like Heard and Adamski and hang on their every word as a revelation!

"The only Saucer I've seen was in the Film 'The Day The Earth Stood Still'.

"I was vastly intrigued with your idea that the spate of Science Fiction was due to Governmental preparation of the people to face the Truth that Saucers have landed. Does that make Peter Hamilton an agent to the conspiracy? Or - have you thought? - he may be a Saucerite! In fact, the Government itself may be composed of Aliens; we may be invaded and controlled already. Why else would there be a clamping down on these other societies? Quite obvious. Pardon me while I go and bolt the door - you never know when THEY may come...."

(Harry Turner is the Organiser of the Fantasy Art Society - and we hope he appreciates this free plug, and does not expel us!)

## Well, ARE We Being "Prepared" ?

Opinion seems to be divided on this point, into three camps. One is that the idea is 'utter tosh' and the second is: "Could be". A third element, however, plumb for the idea that (as suggested in item "2" of the Autumn article) "The Government Know about the Saucers But Just Don't Know what To Do about Them". Could be!!!

But, it's strange, you know. In the No.3 edition of the NEW ZEALAND C.S.I.'s journal, "Flying Saucers" - just to hand - this idea of a Governmental Preparation Scheme is also suggested - and there has been no correspondence between us on the matter, either! Mind you, we don't say that this is proof our idea is correct, but it just goes to show..... Perhaps we're Telepathic, since the N.Z. publication must have been printed around the same time as our own.

## Saucerisms —

4 The February 1954 edition of "PREDICTION" features an illustration of the Adamski saucer - from the book - on its front cover, together with the captions:-

"FLYING SAUCER LANDS - MEET THE REAL MARILYN MONROE".  
No comment...



71 Chedworth Road,  
Horfield,  
Bristol 7

7th January 1954.

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of introduction; thanks being due to our mutual friend and Editor, Mr. Richard Hughes, who has kindly put the space at the disposal of B.F.S.B. until such time as circumstances dictate otherwise.

For reasons which will become apparent on reading this edition of Flying Saucer News, it has been found desirable for the above Bureau to join forces with the Flying Saucer Club, and with this object in view, a meeting took place in London at the Flat of Mr. Desmond Leslie (Co-Author with Adamski of "Flying Saucers have landed") on 12th December 1953, between the representatives of both Organisations. (A report of this is given on another page of this issue. - Ed.)

Suffice to say - Since the formation of the new British Bureau at the inaugural meeting of the 4th November 1953, much has been achieved at Committee Meetings, and since that date three public meetings have been held which have aroused considerable enthusiasm, with a marked increase in application for Membership.

The Bristol Press were well represented at the initial meeting, and excellent articles and photographs appeared in the three local Newspapers, all of which treated the subject of the Flying Saucer phenomenon seriously, which was intensely gratifying.

Following on the subsequent publicity, many "first hand" accounts of Saucer sightings have been received, and these are the subject of a separate analysis to this letter prepared by the Chairman of the Bureau, Mr. Graham Knewstub, A.M.Brit.I.R.E. and A.Inst.E.

Apart from recent correspondence received from various sources in America, concerning the mystery behind the closing down of I.F.S.B., earlier members will be pleased to learn that I have received the



personal assurance of Mr. Bender that neither suspected Red activity or dishonesty was the cause of it's dissolution, but rather that the Flying Saucer remains Top Secret, and as far as he is concerned, it must remain so per orders.

Members - especially those in the South Wales area - will be delighted to know that Mr. Desmond Leslie is to talk on Flying Saucers at the Temple of Peace, Cardiff, on February 19th, and it is hoped that similar arrangements can shortly be made for him to speak to Bristol audiences on the subject.

Meanwhile the demand for talks by members of our local group increases, and quite a full programme has been arranged for the next few months. These talks are entirely free, and range from astronomy and interplanetary travel to the Flying Discs.

Beyond wishing all Saucer enthusiasts a very happy New Year, there is little to add, except that American circles still hint that the Authorities will shortly announce the interplanetary nature and origin of the phenomena to the general public.

Yours fraternally,

E. L. PLUNKETT (CAPT)  
Hon. Sec. B.F.S.B.

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## A SURVEY OF SAUCER SIGHTINGS.

by Graham F. N. Knewstub

A.M.Brit.I.R.E., A.Inst.E.

One of the first tasks of the newly-formed British Flying Saucer Bureau has been to place the investigation of flying saucers on a sound scientific basis. Since the phenomena are of random occurrence it has been decided to make a statistical analysis of the very numerous press reports contained in the files of the Bureau. The cases selected for inclusion were in the main interviews with eye-witnesses, but included a number of first-hand accounts. To date only a preliminary survey has been made, but already some significant trends have been revealed.

Contrary to popular belief, Europe leads in the number of sightings with 45% of the whole; America follows with 40%, and the rest of the world accounts for the remaining 15%.

39% of the observers are first class witnesses such as military and civil air crews, aerodrome ground staff, radar operators, observers at rocket proving grounds, etc., men whose regular job it is to identify aerial objects correctly and on whose observations both aeronautics and rocket development depend.

24% consisted of people whose standing called for mention in the press, i.e. professional men, police officers, and office holders in various spheres of public life. In the remaining 37% of cases no mention was made of the observers' occupations; but it is probable that many of them had qualifications which entitled them to be placed in one of the other two classes.

76% of the phenomena were observed visually. In the remaining 24% instrumental evidence was available in the following proportions:- Radar: 11%. Photographs: 6.5%. Optical Instruments: 6%. Sundry: 0.5%.

According to visual observation, 52.5% of the objects sighted were discs, 14.1% were cylinders, 15% were spheres, and 8.2% were miscellaneous shapes. In 10.2% of cases the shape is not recorded. Photographs show the various shapes in much the same proportions. Where optical instruments were available, such as telescopes, binoculars, theodolites, etc., 85% of the objects appeared to be discs, which suggests that the proportion of discs is substantially greater than 52.5%. It must be borne in mind that a disc seen edgewise will appear to be cylindrical while one directly facing the observer will be indistinguishable from a sphere.

In colour the objects fall into two main groups: 32% appear as bright metallic solid objects, 28% are luminous bodies of differing and varying colours, while in 40% of cases no colour is specified. At night 78% of the objects are described as luminous and 22% are unspecified. The luminosity varies from a dull glow to a brilliant flaming radiance. Many have been described as "fire-balls" and "meteors", and they have been seen during the day as well as at night. One of these was recently observed through a telescope and was then seen clearly to be a solid, illuminated, disc-shaped craft. Luminous spheres which landed in the U.S.A. were examined on the ground by Police and were found to consist of volatile phosphorescent jelly which vapourised before it could be analysed.

The details of flight, such as speed, height, manoeuvres, and sound show no particular form or pattern as yet, except that in the extremes of speed, altitude, and manoeuvrability they far exceed anything achieved by known aircraft.

A small but interesting class of observers, amounting to less than 2% of the whole claim to have had a close view at ground level and to have seen members of the crews. These instances are too few to have a reliable statistical value, and are highly suggestive of "elaboration". There are, however, well established cases of observers who have sustained injuries (chiefly burns) as a result of approaching flying saucers too closely.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - B.F.S.B.

We, the Committee and Members of the British Flying Saucer Bureau, acknowledge with grateful thanks, the generosity of Mr. Richard Hughes in allowing us space in FLYING SAUCER NEWS for our activities. I have been a member of the Flying Saucer Club for nearly a year now, and - as President of the British Flying Saucer Bureau am convinced of the necessity for uniting our activities in this way if the objects we have in mind are to meet with success.

During the last seven years, the evidence for the existence of strange objects flying at tremendous speeds at high altitudes has become overwhelming. From the accounts of reliable observers, the speed and manoeuvrability of these objects are beyond the range of man's present development and manufacture. This being so, one may assume that they come from outer space.

Far from causing any apprehension or fear of the unknown, the intelligent person will view such events with excited interest, and refuse to be subdued by the recent pronouncements of orthodox science.

Are we so vain as to think that out of all the many planets in the Universe, ours is the only one inhabited by intelligent Beings?

It is logical to assume that life on some of these planets will be in a more advanced stage than our own, and on others, far less. Today, it is wiser to keep an open mind, and to await events.

R. IRVING-BELL, M.D.

DESMOND LESLIE TO LECTURE IN BRISTOL.

Desmond Leslie, joint author, with George Adamski, of "Flying Saucers Have Landed", is to lecture at the MUSEUM LECTURE THEATRE, University Road, Bristol, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd., 1954, at 7pm. The Lecture Theatre has a seating capacity of 400, and admission is by Ticket - obtainable in advance from CHARLES H. LOCKIER, 29/31 Queen's Road, Bristol 8. Tel. 23885.

"TREASURY NOTES".

Some members of the late I.F.S.B. have not yet returned to the secretary the claim forms printed on the rear cover of the October "SPACE REVIEW"

Claims for refunds, where due, must be received by the secretary before MONDAY 1st. MARCH, in order that the I.F.S.B. account may be closed. Any balance remaining after that date will be transferred to the funds of B.F.S.B.

It is anticipated that funds will enable a library service to be provided for members. The matter is in the Committee stage and details will be announced in due course. "The Treasurer" - BFSB.

PLEASE NOTE

ANY CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ITEMS IN THIS B.F.S.B. SUPPLEMENT SHOULD BE

ADDRESSED TO THE BFSB, AT THE ADDRESS ON PAGE 14, and NOT to the F.S.C.

# The LAW OF GRAVITY reconsidered

A curious but interesting bit of news in the August 3rd issue of **NEWSWEEK\***, relative to ALBERT EINSTEIN and his new Unified Field Theory, by means of which he has been hoping to correlate and unify the two basic forces of the universe: gravity and electro-magnetism.

It now appears that Professor Hlavaty, of Indiana University, has in turn, so simplified the Einsteinian equations that the Unified Field Theory may soon be taken out of the realm of theory and be experimentally verified. When that is done, says Professor Hlavaty, gravity will be passé. It will then be proven to be but another aspect of electromagnetism, like light, radio waves and other forms of electromagnetic radiation. The earth - and, of course, every other planetary and stellar body - will be proved to be just another magnet.

\* (Quoted in 'Theosophy in Action' - December 1953).

We (that Editorial We!!) have long considered that the Unified Field Theory had given a clue to the nature of gravity, which seems to be linked with the electromagnetic binding forces in the atom. Since many Saucers have been observed to defy gravity - and momentum and inertia - it would appear that the Saucerites have found the key to the problem, and are now indifferent to the limitations of these troublesome "laws".

Our Southern Rhodesian Representative, Glyn Benjamin, tell us that "LAURIE'S SPACE ANNUAL" (another plug - TWL please note!) gives details of a simple experiment whereby it can be demonstrated that a body propelled by an electromagnetic force-field would possess the peculiar property of allowing its passengers to be unaffected by momentum, etc.

We have not yet seen this book, but the explanation of this theory is very neatly given in "Astounding Science Fiction" for December 1953 (p.100):-

"The perfect (space) ship's drive would be a field-type drive ... for more reasons than one. There would be no limit to the speed of acceleration since the ship and its occupants would be enveloped in the driving force.... Such a system would require almost no power, since no force would be created, merely reversed. It wouldn't - to the passengers - be like the rocket drive, where they are actually pushed along by the seat of their pants....

"With our ship and ourselves enveloped in the driving force, we can accelerate immediately, to any speed, and with no sensation of accelerating at all."

Hurry up, Professor Hlavaty!



# FRANK EDWARDS says....

FRANK EDWARDS, well known American news commentator, is famed for his keenness on Saucer stories. Here are a few of the recent items he has given in his broadcasts - sent to us by member C.H. Marck, of Denver, Colorado:-

## LANDED!

During the last week of December, saucers were sighted over Quantica Marine Base, Virginia. The Saucers came over this base for four successive nights, and flew at high altitudes and also at tree-top level. The Marines said the saucers were performing controlled maneuvers, but on the fourth night one of them landed about half a mile from the Base. A group of Marines who were near the area where the saucer was landing said it only stayed on the ground a few seconds, and then took off and was out of sight in a matter of seconds. They described it as being "round, with red, pulsating lights".

## "UNDER WRAPS"

Edwards stated on January 13th that the U.S.A.F. and its investigating agency, 'Project Bluebook', which is at Wright-Patterson field, is not going to give out any more information on developments about the Saucers to the Press or the public, and that the Air Force is not going to reveal any new Saucer sightings to the Press. The reason for this official silence, the Air Force stated, was because of Donald Keyhoe's book, "Flying Saucers From Outer Space" - which had 'caused too much public alarm...'. However, Edwards said that the real reason was that an unidentified object is under observation by scientists at West Coast Military Field....

Our correspondent, Mr. Marck, says that he has also heard that a Saucer is supposedly under wraps at Edwards Air Force Base, in Muroc, California and that this may be the actual one to which Frank Edwards was alluding.

## OVER BERMUDA

Edwards had previously reported a huge circular disc which hovered over BERMUDA during the first week of December, 1953, at very low altitude, and which was seen by civilians and Armed Forces personnel.

It was said to be at least 200ft in diameter with a metallic appearance and a yellow glow around the edges. It streaked away, after hovering, at such a rate as to be out of sight in seconds - and observers declare it was intelligently controlled.

TO AVOID DELAY ...

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Quote your -

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CORRESPONDENCE!!!

BRITISH SIGHTINGS - Continued from page 5.DECEMBER 1953.

- 2nd. BRADFORD: 7.15pm "Bright green oblong light with what appeared to be a small trailing light behind it".  
("Yorkshire Observer" - 3/12/53).
- 4th. CROSBY (Lancs): (Early hours) "Star travelling horizontally on the line of the Mersey, at much slower speed than a 'shooting star'. At one point over Liverpool Bay it accelerated into space at terrific speed". ("Crosby Herald" - 11/12/53).
- 6th. HENGISTBURY (Hants): 10.15pm "Silvery orange object - bigger than a star" seen "revolving over Hengistbury Head. Remained over the area for half an hour, then moved off towards Bournemouth. No balloons up in area. ("Christchurch Times" 11/12/53)
- 7th? WOKINGHAM: 7.0 am. "Queer object" travelling across the sky, composed of what appeared to be 2 circular shapes, one on top of the other, the top one being smaller, and having "black circles on it, like portholes". Left trail of smoke.  
("Wokingham & Bracknell Times" - 11/12/53).
- 14th. EXMOUTH: 6.30pm. "Object shaped like a dagger" - travelling "handle-first" in SW/NE direction. Colours: red, orange and black. 5 witnesses. ("Exmouth Journal" - 19/12/53).  
DORCHESTER: 6.0pm: Small circular object, "Similar in colour to the moon. Flashed over the town from South to North, with a trail of sparks". No sound. Numerous witnesses, from a number of areas. ("Dorset Daily Echo" 18-28/12/53).
- 16th. MIDDLEHAM: (Yorks), 3.45pm. "Silver grey disc" travelling on almost even keel, westwards, without sound.  
("Northern Daily Telegraph" -30/12/53).
- 20 ? SWANSEA: 2.0pm. "Shining, cigar-shaped object, without wings"-gliding over town, in NE direction. Small, and moving very slowly. No sound. Visible 5mins. Clear sky.  
("Evening Post" - not dated).
- 27th. SHREWSBURY: 9.0pm. "Small disc, with flattened edge, appeared about half the size of moon. ("Evening Express, not dated).
- 29th. CLOUGHFOLD (Lancs): 2.45pm. Object "like headlight of a car" seen in clear sky, travelling E-W at great height, very fast.  
("Northern Daily Telegraph" 30/12/53).  
WENSLEYDALE (Yorks); 4.15pm. "Silver-blue object, climbing very fast. No noise". ("Northern Daily Echo" - 30/12/53).

N.B.: Two of the above dates are uncertain, as are the dates of two other clippings, as indicated. Can any local members help?  
We should like particularly to follow up the Swansea item.



- 31st. WEYMOUTH: 7.40pm. "Long red streak, the head or front of which looked like a ball." Travelling W-E.  
("Dorset Daily Echo").

# JANUARY 1954.

- 3rd. WEYMOUTH: 5.25pm. "Fiery globe, travelling in the direction of the sea". ("Dorset Daily Echo" - 3/11/53).
- 6th. PORTSMOUTH: 5.30pm. "An object shaped like an ice cream cornet travelling at colossal speed, eastwrds and upwards, at about 5,000ft". Vivid green from the point and gradually becoming a very bright white. "There were sparks and stars coming from the tail". It left "two lines of vapour trails in the sky" and lit up the surrounding countryside. 3 Witnesses.  
("Evening News" - 6/1/54).
- (This item was given large headlines in the London paper, but on Jan.8th a small panel appeared, stating that a further witness had seen the object explode and disintegrate over Hayling Island. He was said to be "quite sure that it was a large meteorite").
- 12th. SWINTON, Lancs: Big red ball, with a white ring round it-travelling very fast. 3 witnesses.  
("Daily Dispatch" - 13/1/54 ).

## Overseas—

### DECEMBER, 1953.

- 4th. BELGIUM: Flying object "like a smoking cigar" reported twice over Belgium, in daylight and six miles up.  
("Exchange").
- 5th. AFRICA: "Five or six circular metallic objects, describing strange movements in the sky over Kimberley. A coruscating silver in colour when they reflected the sun. The movements of the objects seemed to follow a continuous, consistent pattern. They made vertical dives, then rose again; they moved horizontally across the sky, criss-crossed and hovered." Several witnesses.  
Also, 3 witnesses saw "two circular objects, darkish in colour, playing around each other and moving at great speed. About the size of a large aircraft. Watched for three minutes -- then moved off in the direction of Bolefontein.  
("Rhodesia Herald" - 8/12/53).
- 11th. CANADA: 9pm.(E.S.T.): "Greenish-blue light" seen over Lake Ontario, by Trans-Canada Air Lines crew. (Flight 402). Illuminated the overcast as it slowly descended. Similar reports came from Perth and Smiths Falls.  
("Winnipeg Tribune" - 12/12/53).
- 17th. SWEDEN: Elliptical metallic object, seen from the air (see page 27).  
(British - and Scandinavian - press).

## SOUTH AFRICAN Sightings

An interesting article in the January 1953 edition of the South African "OUTSPAN" gives many new details of sightings in that country. To quote the lead paragraph:

"This is the record of the sightings and reports of flying saucers over South Africa during the past three years, which culminated recently in a radar contact with six saucers over Cape Town. They were shown to be travelling at the fantastic speed of over 1,200 miles an hour. This is an accumulation of evidence by expert and reliable witnesses; men and women who are not likely to be panicked into "seeing things". It is not a full record of all the inexplicable things which have been seen and reported, but of the most mystifying of them reported by the most reliable witnesses, many of whose reports have been added to the U.D.F.'s own "Flying Saucer File" at Defence Headquarters, and which have been exchanged for information from the British military authorities".

The article - which we hope to be able to reproduce in full at a later date - goes on to detail the Radar trackings of the six saucers and then tells how a saucer followed a car (which ties up with a similar report from Norway, early last December - see page 27), an experienced S.A.A.F. pilot's view of a mysterious spherical luminous object, at Port Alfred; the Kilimanjaro Sighting, a hovering saucer over Kimberly, and an object - seen from many places - of weird blue colour, trailing sparks - to mention only a few of the documented list of sightings. It concludes with a quotation from Her Majesty's Astronomer at the Cape, Dr.R.H.Stoy, who said:

"It is long past the stage when these reports can be pooh-poohed and brushed aside as hallucination. There is something far more solid than hallucination to be explained. We mustn't jump to the conclusion that it is something from outside the earth. It might be quite explainable in the light of our present knowledge - but it does need to be explained".

## Saucers that SIZZLE!

Reports from New Zealand last year included some of saucers that produced a sizzling sound.

Of late, two further reports have come to hand - this time from Great Britain:

First, the case of two young Crymch (S.Wales) girls who saw a peculiar object spinning through the air at the back of their house. Searching for it they found it had come down in a nearby quarry. Making a sizzling sound in the bushes, it proved to be a jelly-like substance which by this time was reduced to the size of a dinner plate. It melted without leaving a trace. This was reported in the "South Wales Echo".

Then, from Woodbridge, Surrey, comes the report that on



December 30th last, a blue "saucer" was seen to flash across the sky, making a sizzling noise. Not the sound of an engine, it was stressed but a definite sizzle. It was noted that Woodbridge is very close to the U.S. Air Base at Bentwater, and also near Martlesham Heath - a pre-war R.A.F. testing-station.

Theories have been put forward that these sizzling fireballs are expendable "guided eyes" - which are capable of being exploded by remote control when their usefulness is over.

Another theory is that they are balls of material sent into our atmosphere from orbiting space ships, and which have the property of lessening the - otherwise catastrophic - repercussions of our atomic meddling.

Or perhaps they are simply static electricity. Who knows ?

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## 9 D D items

### "MY GOODNESS - MY SAUCERS!"

"The sponsored Flying Saucer has arrived! A 'plane will fly over Yorkshire and Lancashire at night with a neon advertising sign under its wings - first neon advertising of its kind."  
("Crosby Herald" - 11/12/53). Yorks. & Lancs spotters - beware!!!

### ICED-UP SAUCERS.

"An American research institute claims that more FS have been seen INSIDE the Arctic Circle than outside it. Figures show 126 reports of saucers from Alaska, 103 from Greenland and 187 from elsewhere in the Arctic Circle". ("South Wales Echo" 10/11/53).

Well; you can prove anything with figures.....

### TRANSVAAL MARTIAN.

In October, a man was admitted to a Klerksdorp hospital claiming to have come from Mars. He had deep lacerations of both arms. These were stitched, but the man tore off the dressings and threatened to pull out the stitches. Plaster of Paris was used to prevent him carrying out his threat. ("Sunday Times" - TVL.)

### INVITATION FOR ISAACS.

The amateur astronomers of Norwich are cross with Mr. George Isaacs, M.P., Socialist ex-Minister of Labour, who has described their flying saucer as "all balloony", but - more in sorrow than in anger - they are anxious to meet him.

They hope that when their new eight-inch reflector telescope is ready, he will be their guest of honour so that he may see for himself that strange things are happening in the Norwich skies.

("Sunday Chronicle" - 29/11/53).

# The SAUCERERS meet.

Reported by ERIC BIDDLE

Thanks to the kind hospitality of Mr & Mrs Desmond Leslie, December 12th 1953 saw a noteworthy gathering of some of the leading lights in British Saucerdom.

The F.S.CLUB was represented by Messrs. Richard Hughes and Stephen Wright (editor of 'Nebulations'); the BRITISH F.S.BUREAU by Capt. E.L. Plunkett (secretary), Dr. Irving-Bell (president), Messrs. H. Coble (treasurer) and P. Pratten (committee member); "OURANOS" by Mr. Eric Biddle. Mr. Harold Chibbett (who supplied Mr. Leslie with much material for his book) was there, as were Messrs. Ken Kellar and C. Gray-Fisk, Mrs. Kellar, Mrs. Plunkett, Mr. Dennis Plunkett (in the R.A.F., and the first one over here to contact Al. Bender, of the I.F.S.B.), Mr. Derek Dempster ("Daily Express" Air-correspondent), and Mrs. Dempster.

There was, of course, a good deal of friendly chatting but the main points of general interest were:-

THE "BENDER MYSTERY"- As our readers know, the International Flying Saucer Bureau of U.S.A. ceased its activities several months ago. It appears that the founder, Mr. Albert K. Bender, acting upon orders received from an unspecified "higher authority" had no option but to cease publication of "Space Review", to omit certain information which he had intended to publish in the October issue, and to disband I.F.S.B. as a Saucer-investigating body.

There is something mysterious behind all this and we are endeavouring to obtain fuller information. What little we have up to now, however, is so uncertain and contradictory that we do not feel that any good purpose would be served by saying very much about it at this stage.

MR. ADAMSKI, his photos and his part of the book came in for considerable discussion. Mr. Leslie gave us some personal details of his relations with Mr. Adamski which strongly bore out the fact that whatever Adamski's motives might be, the greed for gold was not one of them. Mr. Gray-Fisk related how he had visited Mr. Adamski, had had a long talk with him, and come away convinced that he was a sincere non-self-seeking man, and that if by any chance there was a hoax, then Adamski was the victim and not the perpetrator of it.

Mr. Chibbett pointed out that the critics seemed rather to overlook the fact of the sworn affidavits of the witnesses to the meeting with the Venusians. What motive would these people have for swearing to the truth of something they knew to be false? In anything less fantastic we should accept the statements made under oath by such people without hesitation. It was just possible, perhaps, that they had misinterpreted what they saw, and we agreed it was a pity that the witnesses had not been allowed to go nearer.

ORGANISATION of British Saucerers. This proved rather a lengthy discussion - not so much on principles as on the details involved in implementing them. It was agreed that we obviously



did not want to duplicate effort, nor waste our resources. The ideal was a single association and a single journal, especially now that the BFSB was no more and the British branch of it had now become the British FS Bureau. The quarterly review, "OURANOS" - which had hitherto been printed in French and English, would henceforth be wholly in French, since some 80% of the subscribers were French - or read French, and now that we have FS.NEWS there was little to be gained by spending a great deal of time in setting up and printing 8 or 10 pages in English each issue.

It was agreed in broad outline that we should all gather round the FS CLUB, and that the new B.F.S.B. should be the research part of the organisation, working alongside the FS Club without losing its own identity. The F.S.NEWS would then be the common organ of all of us in Britain. We all felt very strongly the hope that before long the number of subscribers would be such that we could have the journal printed and thereby relieve Mr. Hughes of a great deal of arduous work in this respect.

E. BIDDLE.

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## Keyhoe's Latest

OUR copy of "FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE" had not arrived from America at the time of writing, so our review of this book will have to appear another time. We understand that it is to be published in Britain in the late Spring (which, we may assume, means around May) by HUTCHINSONS - who published his earlier work, "Flying Saucers Are Real". Our review, then, should coincide with the availability of the book to all members. We quote, as a matter of interest, a letter featured in the book, used in the U.S. publisher's advertisements:-

"THE AIR FORCE, AND ITS INVESTIGATING AGENCY, 'PROJECT BLUE-BOOK', ARE AWARE OF MAJOR KEYHOE'S CONCLUSION THAT 'FLYING SAUCERS' ARE FROM ANOTHER PLANET. THE AIR FORCE HAS NEVER DENIED THAT THIS POSSIBILITY EXISTS. SOME OF THE PERSONNEL BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME STRANGE NATURAL PHENOMENA COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO US, BUT THAT IF THE APPARENTLY CONTROLLED MANEUVERS REPORTED BY COMPETENT OBSERVERS ARE CORRECT, THEN THE ONLY REMAINING EXPLANATION IS THE INTER-PLANETARY ANSWER".

(Signed) ALBERT M. CHOP,  
Air Force Press Desk.

### STICKING HIS NECK OUT

The Astronomer Royal, Sir Harold Spencer Jones, had his article, debunking saucers, syndicated in many evening newspapers during the recent nation-wide interest.

One paragraph, in bold type declares:

"I CAN STATE WITH ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT NONE OF THE 'SAUCERS' CAN HAVE COME FROM ANOTHER PLANET".

A-B-S-O-L-U-T-E ASSURANCE!!!

## GROUPS and Representatives

LONDON AREA: Mr.G.B.Smith, of 26 Larchwood Close, Havering Park, ROMFORD, suggests forming London Area groups, and has already begun to form his own local Group in Romford. Local members - and interested London Area members should contact Mr.Smith for current details.

WIGAN: Our Wigan Rep., Mr.R.N.Milner, is one of the most enthusiastic Group Leaders. His group has already met on several occasions, and the members are very keen. Soon we hope to include a lengthier report of meetings and activities; meanwhile, Mr.Milner's address is 22 Glebe End Road, Frog Lane, Wigan. If you live near him - get in touch!

LEEDS: Mr.Geoffrey Cook, our Leeds Representative, has enrolled eight members, as a result of some very good Press notices in the Yorkshire papers, and is currently arranging their first meeting. He owns a tape-recorder, and a cine projector - a real asset to any group. (Mr. Cook runs a duplicating Service, and ran off our Autumn issue for us - before we got our Roneo. (Advt.!) His address is 50 Green Lane, Halton, Leeds.

CARDIFF: While there is no Group, as such, at Cardiff, our Representative, Miss W.B.Knowles, is doing wonderful work for the Club. We've lost count of the members she's enrolled for us (it must be nearly thirty!) - and she has arranged for Mr.DESMOND LESLIE to talk about Saucers at the Temple of Peace, Cardiff, on February 19th. Her untiring and enthusiastic efforts are greatly appreciated.

EDINBURGH: Our Edinburgh Rep. has unfortunately had to discontinue activities for personal reasons. We do hope that we shall be able to find someone to fill the gap. Any volunteers...?

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Mrs.P.Dann, of "Almeley", Rustwood Lane, Tunbridge Wells, would like to form a Local Study Group, and asks if local members would contact her (phone: 20289). She already has the nucleus of a Group, having enrolled several enthusiastic friends.

TRURO: We wish to thank our Truro Rep., Mrs.M.K.Hall, for the grand work she has been doing for us - without which our re-prints might never have become fact, and the "NEWS" would be much later coming out!

SOUTHERN RHODESIA: Glyn T.Benjamin, our our Central Africa Representative, is so enthusiastic that we think there must be few people in the towns of Causeway and Salisbury who are not members of the FSC!! It seems like that, anyway. But in case there are some S.Rhodesian members who are not in touch, Mr.Benjamin's address is - Box 99, Causeway. He had a big write-up in the "Rhodesia Herald" recently, which we have proudly pasted in our "Ego-boost" dossier!

### WHAT ABOUT IT, LIVERPOOL?

One or two members have asked about a Northwest Group - but as yet there seem to be no members who are inclined to start one.....



# SCANDINAVIAN Sightings

from our Norwegian representative, GÜNVALD WEIE.

## SWEDISH AIRLINE MEN'S REPORT.

On December 17th., 1953, at 2.37pm., Chief Pilot Ulf Christiernsson (Transair) and Technician Olof Johansson saw what they described as a "robot-like metallic object". Here are some details:

Height: appx.1600 meters. Weather: sunshine. Seen from above, clearly against clouds. Duration of sighting: 5-10 secs. Direction: heading southwest. Speed: 1000-1200 kilometers per hour. Appearance: Saucerlike, shiny, metallic. Colour: between silver and white. Shape: Round, or slightly elliptical. No visible exhaust. Diameter: about 10 meters. Swedish Air Force representatives said it was the "most clear-cut and detailed sighting ever made in Sweden".

## DANISH CIGAR - OR SAUCER ?

The Norwegian astronomer, Jakob Tveiten, (himself a sighter of 8 or 9 discs) sent Mr.Weie recently a clipping from "Berlingske Titende" which detailed a Danish sighting which was well authenticated, having been made by an Air Traffic Controller and his assistant, as well as a number of other people who 'phoned their impressions to Copenhagen.

The object seen was described in several different ways, however. 1).Elliptical, self-luminous object with - apparently - a searchlight in front. 2).Large, strongly luminescent cigar-shaped nucleus, with long luminous tail (North Jutland), 3).White, dome-shaped "head" trailing sparks (Fyn), and 4).Round or elliptical luminous object (Bornholm)

It was seen at dusk, during December 1953, travelling in a N.E to S.W. direction at an angular velocity greater than any jet plane, and the trajectory was to all appearances parallel with the surface of the earth. It was seen by several observers during the best part of two minutes.


## FOLLOWED A CAR!

Perhaps the most interesting sighting ever made in Norway was reported in "Östlandets Blad", 4/12/53. Mr.Weie is now investigating it personally. It concerns a disc which was apparently inspecting a stationary car and its contents, hovering only about ten yards in front of the driver's seat, after having chased the car, with its two passengers, for a stretch of six or seven miles!

Our Representative's impression is that Trygve Jansen (one of the car's occupants) is no publicity-seeker, and after what is said about him by those who know him, his moral integrity cannot easily be doubted. The case is further authenticated by other observers having seen probably the same phenomenon at about the same time and in approximately the same locality that night.

We expect to have full details of this extraordinary-though apparently not unique - occurrence for inclusion in the next issue.

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# REVIEW PAGE

## "U.F.C.'s in the 'MAIL'".

The DAILY MAIL has just run a series of four articles, by their Science correspondent, which - though not bringing any new facts to light, nor even putting the known facts in a new one - nevertheless seems quite a fair summing-up of the situation to date. Frankly, after the "ballyhoo" preceeding this "Saucer Probe" I was very disappointed, as I had expected that Stubbs Walker's "long and careful study" of saucer incidents would have resulted in something more than a series of generalisations, which could have been written by anyone who collects Press clippings.....

J.G.W.

## New Book -

"FLYING SAUCERS ON THE MOON" is the title of yet another new Saucer book, this time a British publication, by H.T.Wilkins, with whose articles many members will be familiar. Now he too has jumped upon the Saucer-book band wagon.

The book is to be published, in April, by PETER OWEN LTD., of 50 Old Brompton Road, London, S.W.7. - Price 16/-.

We have received a copy of the dust-jacket (about which the nicest thing we can say is that it is..."eye-catching"...) which, on the synopsis flap says:

"Not the least amazing feature of this book are the amazing authentic photographs which may prove that Man is a citizen of a vast cosmos of whose mysteries he has still only a dim comprehension".

Don't know about the photos, but those are our sentiments exactly....

R.H.

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## And now....BEHIND S C U L L Y !

The SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE has been serialising the story\* of how Frank Scully was hoaxed into writing his book, "Behind the Flying Saucers". It tells how, last December, a Denver court jury found SILAS NEWTON and LEO GeBAUER ('Doctor Gee') - the men who dreamed up the Little-men-from-Venus story - guilty of engineering a fantastic oil swindle.

Newton and GeBauer were found guilty of fraud and conspiracy to commit fraud - "a pair of crimes good for a maximum of 30 years" - according to Chronicle reporter, J.P.Cahn.

One instance - among many- was that GeBauer had sold a piece of Army surplus radio gear, with \$3.50, for \$12,000 - as an "Oil-detection device"!

B.L.

\*It is hoped to include this story in our AMA series, details of which will accompany the Spring 1954 issue of the "NEWS".



# AUSTRALIAN Incidents...

"WE do not regard this business as a joke," Mr. Seymour, Supt. of Air Traffic Control of the Civil Aviation Dept. has said.

Capt. Douglas Barker, a veteran Airways pilot, gave an impression to the public and official interest when he reported seeing on New Year's Day, a "semi-transparent" object, shaped like a mushroom with a stalk, oscillating rapidly in and out of cloud, and travelling faster than any jet.

Later, the Department's regional director, Mr. A.R. McComb, said he believed that what Captain Barker had seen was reflections of a "Convair" aircraft in the area, but, he added, "Captain Barker is a very experienced pilot and unlikely to imagine things". His report will be fully investigated.

Captain Barker, a pilot for 17 years, with nearly 14,000 hours of flying to his credit, remarked: "I could not possibly confuse this with any plane".

When he discussed it with senior fellow-pilots, they admitted that they had seen "flying saucers and things" - and added that they had been "too scared to mention them, for fear of ridicule".

## REPORTS FLOW IN!

Mr. Seymour had appealed through the Press to all who saw unidentified aerial objects, to tell his Department. Since then, the reports have flowed in. The Civil Aviation Department alone received fifty reports in one week - even including one from Mr. J.W. Boyle, vice-president of the Victorian Branch of the British Astronomical Association.

Reports run to a general pattern of "discs", "saucers", "rockets" and "balloons", and differ only in detail.

Most of these objects are said to have travelled at terrific speed across the sky, leaving a trail of vapour or brilliant light. Others have hovered and rotated before flashing out of sight.

Mr. V.D. Hopper, senior lecturer on cosmic ray research at Melbourne University, said that these objects could be cosmic ray balloons, released by his staff for research, or moving clouds of grass seeds - (is this a new one? - Ed.) or, of course, the planet Venus. One high-ranking officer, however, of the Royal Australian Air Force, said his service had been investigating flying saucers since 1947.....

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(From a REUTER report).

## SAUCER FILM AUSTRALIA SENDS IT TO THE UNITED STATES...

The Australian Government is to send a flying saucer film - taken in New Guinea - to the United States for special processing.

Partly processed in Melbourne, it shows a small, lightish coloured object moving across the sky. It is hoped that the American processing will bring out more detail.

("Daily Mail" 25/1/54)



## STAR LETTER

THAT there are so many conflicting theories regarding the origin of flying saucers is surely due mainly to the fact that, from time immemorial, the section of mankind which has inhabited this planet has been encouraged by its leaders, both spiritual and secular, to regard itself as the apex of Creation, with no peer outside heaven.

We "earthmen", generally speaking, have not yet been able to adjust ourselves to the possibility that the age old teaching may not be correct! This, despite the fact that those amongst us who are best able to pass judgement have had to admit that at least 15% of unidentified flying objects recorded cannot be explained in any other way than that they are machines from outer space.

My own theory - for what it is worth - is that the so-called flying saucers are piloted and crewed by beings who have progressed far beyond our present stage of development. They have, quite probably, discovered the art of true living - the ability to live in true harmony with one another and, by some means not known to us, (maybe a form of long range telepathy) these highly developed visitors from another planet beyond our ken have become aware that we, on this particular "speck of dust", are heading for disaster by reason of the fact that our stunted mental and spiritual development has led to an unbalanced use of nature's resources - i.e. Atom bombs, hydrogen bombs and so on.

Those living in harmony elsewhere, aware of the catastrophe towards which our solar system appears to be heading, have become alarmed, not only for us, but for their own future.

In consequence, they are now engaged in large scale reconnaissance of the earth with a view to future landings in force, in order to prevent - by means quite possibly we shall not be able to withstand - the threatened self-annihilation of this planet and its inhabitants.

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HUGH PEARMAN.

\*\*\*\* Mr. Pearman receives this Quarter's Star Letter Award. \*\*\*\*

His letter puts crisply the sentiments expressed in scores of letters, and it has proved quite a headache sorting them out and deciding upon the winner!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR LETTERS CONCISE AND TO THE POINT - and put them on a SEPERATE PIECE OF PAPER from correspondence requiring reply. (Sorry to have to start laying down the law - but with our now greatly increased membership - we just have no option!)

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(The 5/- Entrance fee does not, of course affect existing members  
BUT PLEASE REMEMBER IT WHEN ENROLLING FRIENDS!)

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## Next Issue -

Despite the much larger size (once again!) of this present edition, a number of very interesting items have had to be held over. These should, with luck, be included in the Spring issue, and include:

- "THE GREAT ADAMSKI CONTROVERSY" - wherein readers express what may be considered "A Reasonable Doubt", and answered by Desmond Leslie.
- "ELECTROMAGNETIC THEORY OF PROPULSION" - by one of our Southern Rhodesian members, and includes some practical experiments.
- "SAUCER INCIDENTS & THEORIES FROM FRANCE" - new reports and a new 'angle' on "Fourth Dimensional" saucer possibilities!
- "LONG RANGE RADAR DETECTION of U.F.O's" - by Dr.R.M.Iliescu-Constantine, S.J.A.B., (Air). concerning a theory for extending the range of standard equipment. MANY OTHER ITEMS!!!

SIZE: Although this WINTER edition is 31 pages, it should not be taken as a "normal" issue, which we shall endeavour to maintain at around 24 pages.

Otherwise, we should be losing money faster than usual!

PUBLICATION DATE: Never known exactly - but sometime before June!! Please don't write and ask us, if it seems a little late, as the more we answer, the later it'll be! But we'll try and make it.

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